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AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether general information on agriculture has been incorporated in the syllabi for children of farmers at elementary and secondary levels;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the syllabi;
- (c) whether sufficient number of teachers and teachers training colleges are available for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any other programmes to familiarize the farmers with latest techniques and their applications; and
- (f) if so, the State-wise details therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): General information on agriculture is included in the syllabi of different subjects. The syllabi prepared by Central/State Government agencies are however, not specific to any target group.

(c) & (d): Five hundred and seventy-one District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs), 104 Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs) and 31 Institutes of Advanced Study in Education (IASEs) have been sanctioned for the 599 districts in the country. The state-wise details are annexed.

(e) & (f): The Indian Council Agricultural Research has sanctioned a network of 554 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country, the activities of which include on-farm trials to identify location specificity of technologies in different farming systems, frontline demonstrations to establish the production potential of improved technology on the farmers' fields, training of farmers to update their knowledge and skills and training of extension personnel to orient them in the frontier areas of technology development. The state-wise details of number of KVKs are annexed.